A series of 14 powerful bomb blasts took place in the afternoon of February 14, 1998 in Coimbatore which claimed a number of lives, besides leaving a large number injured. Subsequently, there were seizures of a large quantity of explosives and intelligence reports indicated the need for close monitoring of the situation. The issue was also discussed in a Zonal Review meeting taken by the Union Home Secretary on March 12, 1998 and subsequently, as a part of further follow-up action and detailed interaction with the State Government officials on the law and order situation a Central Team was sent.

The report while taking note of the ground level situation has carefully emphasised on certain remedial measures such as relentless drive against fundamentalist and terrorist elements, optimum use of intelligency machinery, a definite Action Plan against the potential trouble makers, pursuing of confidence-building measures more vigorously etc. Follow-up actions on these lines have initiated by the State Government.

(d) The report of the Central Team was essentially an administrative excercise of a sensitive nature. It will not be public interest to disclose its contents further.

(e) There is no such proposal yet.

Institutions receiving Foreign Money

60. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether there has been an increase in the number of institutions receiving foreign money after econom f" liberalisation;

(b)whether the amount of foreign money has also increased;

(c)what are the State-wise details of these institutions indication a comparative account from the year 1991 to 1997; and

(d) whether Government are going to make any arrangements to review the utilisation of foreign money?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information upto the year 1995-96 if available in the Annual Reports on the receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations, copies of which are available in the Parliament library. The report for the Year 1996-97 is under compilation.

(d) Such a review is already taking place based on the annual returns required to be filed by organization registered/granted prior permission under the Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act., 1976.

Hydro Power Potential

61. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that despite a massive potential of 90,000 MW of hydro power the share of hydro-electricity in the country has been declined from 30% to only 25% of the total power generation; and the hydro power potential to the tune of over 75% still remains to be exploited;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c)the Ninth Plan targets fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) According to reassessment of hydroelectric project potential of major/ medium schemes carried out by Central Electricity Authority during 1978—87, the hydroelectric project potential of the country is assessed as 84,044 MW at 60% load factor for a total of 845 identified schemes. The corresponding installed capacity for these schemes is approximately 1,50000 MW.

The share of hydro power in the total installed capacity of the country rose up to 50.62% in 1963 and thereafter, experienced a steady decline. Hydro